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C O N F I D E N T I A L BAGHDAD 1700

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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: USINT BELT SYSTEM

REF: A. AMMAN 06455 B. BAGHDAD 1622 (NOTAL)

1. FROM HERE IT APPEARS THAT EVERYONE AGREES ON A FEW BASIC POINTS CONCERNING SECURITY IN BAGHDAD:
 - A. USINT IS VULNERABLE.
 - B. THERE IS PRESENTLY NOTHING THAT PROVIDES SECURITY FOR CONVERSATIONS.
 - C. A BELT SYSTEM IS BETTER THAN NOTHING.
 - D. AN ACR IS BETTER YET.

THE FIRST TWO POINTS DO NOT REQUIRE FURTHER ELABORATION.

2. IT SEEMS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT AN ACR COULD BE INSTALLED IN ANYTHING RESEMBLING THE NEAR FUTURE. DUE TO POSSIBLE CHANGES IN SPACE REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE CCC, WE ARE NO LONGER CERTAIN THAT THE ROOM SURVEYED BY
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TSO ATHENS LAST JANUARY IS STILL AVAILABLE FOR THAT PURPOSE. THERE IS SOME QUESTION ABOUT THE SUITABILITY OF OTHER ROOMS. EVEN IF A SITE IS FOUND, IT WOULD BE MANY MONTHS BEFORE AN ACR WOULD BE READY FOR USE. IN THE MEANTIME, A AND B ABOVE CONTINUE TO APPLY.

3. WITH REGARD TO EXPENSE, PARA 1 REF A, WE SUGGEST THAT THE

MAJOR OUTLAYS HAVE LONG SINCE BEEN MADE. A TEAM OF SEABEES DESTROYED, COMPLETELY REBUILT AND REWIRED THE BELT ROOM, AND THE EQUIPMENT WAS PURCHASED AND SENT TWO YEARS AGO. ALL THAT REMAINS IS INSTALLATION AND PANELLING IN ORDER TO MAKE USE OF ALL THE WORK THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE, AND PROVIDE A MEASURE OF SECURITY AT THE SAME TIME.

4. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE AGAIN URGE THAT THE FORTHCOMING TSO VISIT BE UTILIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING THE BELT SYSTEM. WE ARE NOT EXPERTS, BUT WE ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE SITUATION HERE AND--IN PARTICULAR-- THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN ATTETNTING TO CARRY OUT PROJECTS OF THE TYPE AN ACR WOULD NECESSITATE. PUTTING THE BELT TO USE IS THE BEST MEANS FOR DEALING WITH USINT'S NEEDS BOTH NOW AND FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

5. RSO PRINCIPE, WHO IS PRESENTLY AT USINT, CONCURS IN THE FOREGOING, AND REQUESTS INSTALLATION OF BELT SYSTEM DURING UPCOMING TSO VISIT TO BAGHDAD.

6. TO REDUCE POSSIBILITY OF AIRPORT CUSTOMS PROBLEMS, WE RECOMMEND THAT TOOLS BE BROUGHT IN "A" POUCHES.
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